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MICROARRAY USING THE SUPPORT, AND METHOD OF FABRICATING  
THE SUPPORT

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.